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## TRANSMITTAL FORM

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| Application Number     | 09/919,045              |
| Filing Date            | 07/31/2001              |
| Inventor(s)            | Ramesh NAGARAJAN et al. |
| Group Art Unit         | 2633                    |
| Examiner Name          | Steven Blount           |
| Attorney Docket Number | 29250-002077/US         |

### ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers<br>(for an Application)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 |  |  |

Remarks

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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| Firm<br>or<br>Individual name | Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C. | Attorney Name  | Reg. No. |
|                               |                                  | John E. Curtin | 37,602   |
| Signature                     |                                  |                |          |
| Date                          | February 28, 2006                |                |          |





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RESPONSE UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP \_\_\_\_\_**

**PATENT  
29250-002077/US**

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ramesh NAGARAJAN et al. Conf.: 4258  
Appl. No.: 09/919,045 Group: 2668  
Filed: July 31, 2001 Examiner: Steven Blount  
For: MINIMUM CONTENTION, DISTRIBUTED WAVELENGTH  
ASSIGNMENT IN OPTICAL TRANSPORT NETWORKS  
Docket No.: 29250-002077/US

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated November 29, 2005 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-4 and 6-14.

- The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
- The enclosed document is concurrently filed with a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

- NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.
- An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on \_\_\_\_\_. Thus a fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is required.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

- Large entity - \$500.00
- Small Entity - \$250.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$500.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

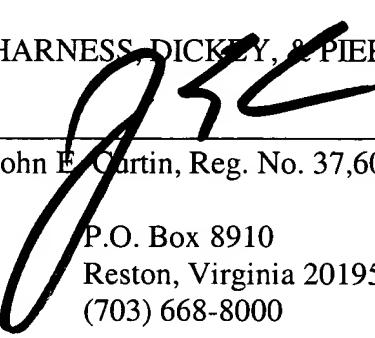
- Check in the amount of \$500.00 is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0750 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

HARNESS, DICKIE, & PIERCE, P.L.C.

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